

OUR COUNTY PROSPERITY.

Some of the Reasons Why Our Section is Forging to the Front so Rapidly and is Becoming the Greatest Farming District of the West.

Those of our readers who have been reading closely the columns of this paper have noticed that a great many people of Randall county have been recently investing in our farm lands for homes, thereby expressing in a material way their confidence in our lands as a producing proposition. Their confidence is not misplaced.

So that our people may know what the farmers from the northern and eastern states have done we have secured letters from some of the settlers and will publish them from time to time, in order to give an idea of what they think of the country, and what they are able to do here.

Canyon City, Texas, August 13, 1908.—It is with pleasure I give my views and what I know of the Panhandle country. I can tell you my experience and observation since coming here in February, 1907.

When we arrived at Happy with our car it makes me smile to think of it now. All that the town consisted of was a lumber yard and coal yard, one dwelling house and a vacant building. Quite a comparison with to-day. They have a fine hotel, bank, two general stores, a good supply of farm implements, livery stable, barber shop, good school house, church, elevator and as good a market for everything as there is in the United States. And why not? We have grown as good wheat this year as is grown

anywhere in the states, grading No. 1, testing sixty-two pounds to the bushel, bringing from 92 to 95 cents per bushel, and going all the way from twenty-five to thirty bushels per acre this year in this neighborhood; oats thirty to fifty bushels, and bringing 43 to 47 cents per bushel. At the present time maize and kafir corn have a prospect of making a big crop, which makes all the way from thirty-five to sixty-five bushels per acre according to cultivation and condition of season. As to feeding quality it is equal to corn, all stock and poultry prefer it to corn, do well and fatten on it, and as there is always a market for it in every shape and form, nobody need be afraid to raise too much. Last winter it sold as high as \$15.00 per acre in the shock, \$30.00 per ton in chops and \$1.30 per hundred. When threshed its fifty pounds to the bushel.

Millet and sorghum make big crops here for seed or feed. We got 75 cents per bushel for millet seed and \$12.00 per ton for millet hay; 95 cents per bushel for sorghum seed and it makes quite frequently fifty bushels per acre. A man can make more clear money to the acre here than in Iowa.

Where land is selling from \$80.00 to \$125.00 per acre; figure it out yourself; get southwestern market quotations, compare prices and the price of land, taxes and interest, and then

you have it in a nutshell, besides living in a fine climate, not so hot in summer nor so cold in winter as we had in Iowa, with the best of water and sufficient rain to keep everything in a growing condition.

Go where you please you will not find a better class of people than here. When we first came here it seemed a little lonely, but that has all changed. New houses going up all around us, all the indications of making this one of the best farming countries, and it is people what we need here, the more the merrier.

We have all the confidence in the world, that wherever crops are put in like we put them in, in Iowa, that they make just as good a showing as there. As to vegetables you can not beat us. Fruit of all kinds does fine, have never seen a tree, vine or bush grow quicker or easier than here. Poultry does better here than in Iowa.

It will be two years next month since I first came down here with Keiser Bros. & Phillips and bought one-half section for \$17.50 per acre, which I would not sell for less than \$30.00 per acre now. This firm has sold more land and brought more people down here than any other firm I know of.

I heartily and cheerfully recommend this country to any one in search of a home.

Respectfully yours,
PETER MEYERS.

Try The Palo Duro Land Co.

See the Canyon Coal Company for fresh maize chops.

Miss Annie Buie returned home Saturday, after a pleasant visit with friends at Clarendon.

John L. Howell came in yesterday from Ft. Worth on his way to his home at Lake Arthur, N. M.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins of this city showed The News reporter this week a plate of tomatoes grown in his garden in this city. They are all fine, smooth and well developed and consisted of six different varieties, from the dwarf tree, the rambling kind, to the pear tomato. He stated that he had gathered within the past week one and a half bushels of tomatoes.

Beecher's Fee.

On one occasion when Henry Ward Beecher was on a lecturing tour Major Pond, his manager, was sitting beside him in the railway car. Suddenly the preacher slapped his hand on the little watch pocket of his trousers and drew forth a small envelope. For a moment he looked at it in surprise, then opened it and smiled. Presently he turned to his companion.

"Major," said he, "I married a great railroad magnate a few months ago, and as I was taking leave of him he handed me an envelope, which I slipped in my pocket unopened. That was the last I thought of it until today. Just now I opened it, and this is what I found."

The major took the envelope. Within it were five \$1,000 bills.

Test of an Egg.

Some folks who were going on a picnic once got one raw egg mixed up with the cold boiled ones and did not know how to detect it without breaking them all.

A visitor was equal to the emergency. According to St. Nicholas, he took an egg between his fingers and his thumb; he twirled it on the table, and it spun like a top.

"That egg," said he, "has been boiled." Another was tried, with the same result, and then he found one that he could not make spin.

"That," said he, "is the raw egg." And so the puzzle was solved.

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